

FLOODS DEVASTATE SOUTHERN STATES

Five Known Dead, Many Missing—Property Loss \$10,000,000.

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The score of mills along the Catawba of the river is unknown. It is estimated that a thousand bales of cotton passed down the river west of Charlotte, and that the damage to the Southern Railway and the Charlotte and Seaboard Air Line traffic to the west is annihilation. The damage to the Northern Railway with a string of coal cars has been lost, the damage being \$20,000. It is estimated that twenty railway bridges and many more bridges are gone in a seventy-five mile radius west of Charlotte.

A second bridge on the Charlotte division went out at 3 a. m. Trains are unable to proceed beyond Salisbury, and the wires are being strung up to the point. Atlanta being reached by way of Chicago and New Orleans.

The Southern Railway bridge over the Catawba river, carrying eighteen men into the river. It has not been learned whether they were saved.

An earth fill at the Lookout Shoals power dam, near Shelby, broke and the East Mondo, West Mondo, Lilledoun, Alpauze cotton mills and many others. A wall of water forty feet high was reported rushing down from Lookout Shoals last night.

Crops Badly Damaged.

Great crop damage to the surrounding country is reported from Spartanburg, S. C., due to heavy rains, of the last forty-eight hours.

Asheville, N. C., is hard hit. The French Broad river, which is its main source of power, is flooding factories and homes in the lower part of the city. The station is under six feet of water.

Two persons were drowned attempting to put food into the upper story of the Glenn Hotel. Many are marooned in their residences and many while rescue parties are fighting against the rushing current to rescue them. Warehouses and factories are being damaged, many being swept away.

Asheville Under Water.

Asheville was without lights last night, and water is flowing in swift streams down many of the streets of the lower city.

Western North Carolina is reported facing a serious situation. Lake Toxaway's big dam and two dams at Hendersonville are reported to have collapsed, setting free hundreds of tons of water.

Atlanta Cut Off.

The Charlotte Atlanta line of the Southern, which is its main trunk line South, is closed by the washout of the bridge at Belmont. Most of the hills and valleys are under water, and the damage, or now under water so that their damage or condition cannot be possibly determined. The line from the railroad are down practically all over this section. To get into Asheville the general offices of the Southern, in Chicago, Chicago to St. Louis, St. Louis to Atlanta, Atlanta to Chattanooga, and from there to the West.

On the Winston-Salem line water is reported falling now, and officials here predict that repair work will be started this afternoon or tomorrow. The first work will be putting in temporary bridges, fixing up washed out fills, relaying track and replacing cross-ties.

Damage Reported Everywhere.

The desk of the chief clerk of the Southern railway has been piled high with telegrams from stations all over the line announcing damage to tracks, washouts of fills, rising water, and suspension of train service. An embargo has been placed on the entire territory this afternoon, and no more tickets are being sold to those points.

The Green river bridge, on the Saluda line, which is one of the main lines of the traffic south, has been washed out completely, and all travel over it necessarily stopped. A report from Hendersonville, N. C., states that at 10 o'clock Sunday morning two of the big retaining dams there burst; the dam at Lake Toxaway also has given away, and Biltmore, the estate of the Vanderbilts, has been greatly damaged by the ravages of the storm.

Route Clear To Salisbury.

The Southern railway is operating no trains over its own lines west of Salisbury, N. C., north of Spartanburg, S. C., or east of Knoxville, Tenn., according to information given out at noon today by C. A. Kline, assistant general traffic manager of the company.

It is operating certain of its through trains South by long detours, however. Trains Numbers 35 and 37, and 43, are being operated. Numbers 21 and 32 have been annulled temporarily. Trains Numbers 25, 26, 41 and 42 are being operated.

No Deaths Reported.

Southern officials have not received any reports as yet of a death from the disasters.

Guard Home in Three Months, Is Belief Now

War Department Officials Think Villa Is Dead and Expect Pershing's Return Within Month—See Little Chance of Further Trouble.

Villa is dead, General Pershing's troops will be out of Mexico within a month and the national guard back home within three months—according to a high War Department official today.

Villa's name is being used by minor leaders to inspire fear among Carranzistas, the official declared. He said Carranza is stronger today in Mexico than he ever had been, principally because he has averted war, principally because he has averted war, principally because he has averted war.

Better Feeling Now.

Since the Carrizal attack was cleared up and the last Carranza note received, the War Department has taken the

view that the Mexican trouble is over. Pershing's moving his base north helped immensely, it was declared. Now rains have come and threaten to necessitate further intensification of the lines. Within a month of the launching of the new movement Carranza will be overthrown, is the forecast in Chihuahua city. The names coupled with the alleged revolt are those of Gen. Trevino, Murguía, Calles, Nafarrate, Gonzalez, and Herrera.

Could Crush Villa.

That the forces now in northern Mexico are sufficient to overwhelm General Villa and his 5,000 men by hurling 10,000 on them, there is no doubt. No such movement is to be expected, however, so long as Villa remains the popular idol of the common people, and until the last of something else to offer them—food, work and money.

Believe Villa Dead.

"And Villa, according to our reports, is dead. We believe his name is being used by his leaders to embarrass Carranza and to inspire fear in the Mexican people. We think he is dead and his cause buried with him."

BEGINNING OF END IN SIGHT, SAY THE ALLIES

London and Paris Rejoicing at Success of Drive and Pressure on Germany.

LONDON, July 16.—Both in this city and Paris there is great rejoicing over the results of the second phase of the allies drive. In conjunction with the increasing pressure on the eastern front, where Brusseloff is menacing Kovel, it means in the opinion of competent military authorities, that the besting of the Germans is being hastened.

If Persone is taken the Germans will have to order an immediate retreat to save their line in France. With Kovel threatened in the east the German general staff has rushed 100,000 to stem the Russian tide. These men could ill be spared in the considered indication of the Prussian weakness that they have been sent at all.

The plan to attack on all fronts from the Terek to the Danube is being carried out with deliberation. Military experts say it places Germany in the position of having to deal with her enemies simultaneously instead of separately. She can no longer shift troops from one threatened quarter to another.

At other points the successes in the west are being duplicated. In the Caucasus the Grand Duke is within ten miles of Baku and the fall of the Turkish military depot at Erzurum is expected daily.

On the Italian front the victories over the Austrians while not of first magnitude, have been marked, and Italy also has severed all diplomatic relations with Germany.

In summarizing the British successes J. L. Garvin, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, and acknowledged expert on the war, says in part:

"It is a long way to the end, but victory is so near that it is almost certain. Germany created a real fleet; in less than two years Great Britain has created a real army and has become a first-class military power."

"It is a wonderful record this week. We now are hammering at what was originally the third line of the multiple German system of entrenchments."

Germans Retire Doggedly.

"The enemy is, of course, having plenty of time to construct more rear lines of defense as he doggedly withdraws."

Until his total man power is much further reduced, no operation of first importance in Europe, nothing like a through break is to be expected.

In spite of all his commitments elsewhere the enemy still cannot bear to confess failure before German public opinion and the world.

Known dead here are J. C. Lipe, art. Mabel Foster, Lena Trozier, Charlotte and Louise Walker, sisters, all of Asheville. William Cooper and R. Bell are missing.

Most of the houses in Biltmore were looted by the second storm, and many families that remained in the upper stories were rescued with great difficulty.

Damage done cotton mills, power plants, and lumber mills along the Swannanoa and French Broad rivers will total in the millions of dollars, according to present estimates. They are cut off from communication, however, and it is impossible to learn the extent of damage to machinery.

Favorable Report On Hay Nomination

Favorable report was ordered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on the nomination of Chairman Hay, of the House Military Committee, for judge of the Court of Claims.

GOVERNMENT DROPS GRIMES PROSECUTION

Nolle Prose Entered in Case of Former Policeman—Witness Was Absent.

Prosecution of Warren E. Grimes, former member of the Metropolitan Police Department, indicted jointly with Raymond Kleindienst, another former policeman, on the charge of kidnapping a felony in that he failed to advise his superiors of the existence of a gambling place of which he is alleged to have had knowledge, collapsed in Criminal Court No. 1, today.

Grimes, accompanied by his attorneys, Arthur A. Birne and Chapman W. Fowler, appeared for trial before Justice Gould.

United States Attorney Leahy informed the court that the Government could not go to trial in the case because of the absence of its most important witness, Thomas Moran, a bartender.

Justice Gould informed the Government prosecutor that the defendant was entitled to trial, and stated that he Government had one alternative.

Mr. Leahy immediately entered a nolle prosequere of the charge against the former policeman.

The indictment of Grimes and Kleindienst, the latter of whom will be summoned to trial at a later date, according to officials of the District Attorney's office, resulted from a sweeping series of charges involving members of the Police Department.

Grimes was indicted jointly with Kleindienst, with whom he did duty in the Fourth Precinct. His attorneys subsequently requested a continuance of the indictment and this was granted, saving the two men to be tried separately.

The indictment against the policeman was returned last August. Grimes was subsequently relieved from duty, and has been off the rolls of the department ever since.

SECOND-STORY THIEF RAIDS APARTMENTS

Valuable Jewelry Stolen From Cordova Building.

Central Office detectives are searching for a second-story worker who has made two raids on the Cordova apartment house, Twentieth street and Florida avenue northwest, via the fire-escape, within the last forty-eight hours. The thief, the police believe, is a young white man.

He had hardly finished investigating the first case, reported by Mrs. H. H. Bessie yesterday morning, when the thief reappeared, taking a long list of sapphires and diamonds, valued at \$200, and a gold breast pin worth \$50.

The thief took several pieces of jewelry of a total value of \$50 from Mrs. Bessie's rooms.

Million Acres Flooded Along Tennessee Valley

CLIFTON, Tenn., July 17.—A million acres of corn and peanuts in the Tennessee river valley from Chattanooga to Paducah, Ky., are today under water from four to fifteen feet, as result of the flooded Tennessee river. The loss is estimated at more than a million dollars.

The corn crop is ruined. Hundreds of head of stock have drowned, and many persons are homeless. The river is rising rapidly, due to heavy rains and cloudbursts near Chattanooga.

German Committee Is To Prepare for Peace

LONDON, July 17.—The German national committee, which recently was organized under the presidency of Prince von Wedel for the purpose of preparing the minds of the German people for "an honorable peace," will soon begin its labors with a series of meetings in various towns in Germany.

According to Reuters' correspondent at Amsterdam, the committee is regarded with profound distrust by the pan-Germans.

LOT TO FORCE OUT CARRANZAS SEEN

Trevino and Other Chiefs to Deliver Ultimatum Within Month, Is Report.

While the volume of trading on the Washington Stock Exchange today reflected a slight accumulation of over the week-end orders, being in excess of the average day's business, the activity was featureless. Few changes were effected in either sales or quotation figures.

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TREVINO SENDS MEN TO HALT VILLISTAS

Evidence of Menace From New Revolt Seen in Wire.

Evidence that the new Villista revolution has assumed menacing proportions is seen in a telegram from General Trevino to the War Department, outlining steps taken by General Trevino to check the northward march of the bandits.

General Pershing reports that Trevino has sent a force south to occupy a line between Guerrero, San Boris, and Santa Rosalia to check the bandits before they reach the border.

The newspapers of Chihuahua, General Pershing reports, are calling on the Carranza forces to meet the Villistas in a vigorous campaign against bandits. This telegram was interpreted as indicating a greater degree of co-operation on the part of Carranza's military officials.

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LOCAL AND N. Y. FINANCIAL NEWS

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Today's Sales.

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Wholesale Produce Market

EGGS—Barry, fresh, 28¢ per doz.; Southern, 28¢ per doz.; CHEESE—New York, new, 15¢ per lb.; fat, 15¢ per lb.; Butter—Elgin print, 21¢ per lb.; tub, 20¢ per lb.; process, 20¢ per lb.; LIVE Poultry—Turkeys, 20¢ per lb.; chickens, 22¢ per lb.; LIVE Stock—Veal calves, test, 10¢ per lb.; pig, heavy, 10¢ per lb.; fat sheep, 10¢ per lb.; spring lambs, 10¢ per lb.

Real Estate Transfers.

Pleasant Plains—Beale Needle to Mary R. Sheely, lot 107, square 2000, 15¢ stamps, 50 cents; Chevy Chase—Fulton R. Gordon et al. to Letitia Gordon, lot 15, square 1800, 15¢ stamps, 50 cents; Ingleside—Paul F. Brandstedt to Sara L. Brandstedt, lot 10, square 1800, 15¢ stamps, 50 cents; Thirtieth street northwest—Katie C. Vinson et al. to Anna S. Oliver, lot 74, square 132, 15¢ stamps, 11.

Boy of 13 English Hero; Wounded in Leg Already

LONDON, July 17.—The story of a thirteen-year-old English boy who fought for nine months in the trenches in Flanders is told by the Daily Chronicle. The lad, James Charles Bartley, of Balham, was wounded in the leg. His real age was discovered from the hospital, and he was discharged from the army and sent home.

Subsequently he joined the army again and went through another course of training and was ordered again to France, but while on the way was discovered and sent home, this time at his mother's request.

The boy's real age was discovered from the hospital, and he was discharged from the army and sent home. "A little later I tried again with another battalion of the same regiment, and nearly got back to France, but my mother wrote to the war office and I was again discharged."

Runaway Wife His Promised "Surprise"

LEWISTOWN, Pa., July 17.—"Get your dinner at the restaurant today, honey, and when you return home to-night I will have a surprise for you," were the words of Mrs. Steve Dameron to her husband as he left for work.

It certainly was some surprise when he returned, ten hours later, to find a "To Let" card on the house, the furniture sold, and his wife and daughter missing. Later the pair were traced to the Pennsylvania railroad station, where they had purchased tickets for Chicago.

After arresting a fellow-countryman whom Dameron charged with alienating his wife's affections, Sheriff Vansandt left for the Windy City, where he expects to apprehend and return with the pair.

Members of Widows' Society Prove Thrifty

BETHLEHEM, Pa., July 17.—Unique among benevolent societies is the Moravian Society, which held its annual meeting here and declared a semi-annual dividend among seventy-three widows of \$21 each. At the last December meeting a dividend of \$24 to each of seventy widows was declared, making a total of \$40 for the year.

All this has been done on an original sum of \$50 paid in by the husband of each widow. Since the society was organized in 1812, the amount of money paid out has been \$22,244.51, the past year's dividend of \$402 has been divided. There is one widow who has been receiving dividends for forty-four years of an annual amount almost equal to the principal paid in, or \$61.

Daughter's Wedding Plans Inspire Father

CHICAGO, July 16.—"Father told me he wanted a wife, so I went out and got him one," said Dr. Bernard De Koven, by way of explaining a double wedding which is to take place in the De Koven home shortly.

The developments started when Miss Anna De Koven announced she was to be married to a young man, Olshinsky. Anna father, Samuel De Koven, is sixty-one years old and left for the Windy City, where he expects to apprehend and return with the pair.

As he says, "went out and got him one," who proved to be Miss Ethel Romig, thirty-three years old, the wedding bells will ring for four.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

All transactions in stocks are on the basis of dollars and fractions thereof. Quotations for July 17, 1916. High, Low, and Close. H. B. Goodrich, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; B. F. Goodrich, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; A. S. Corp., 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Central Ice Co., 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Chesapeake & Ohio, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; China Coal Co., 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; C. I. & P. Ry., 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Col. Fuel & Iron, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Columbia Steel, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; C. R. & P. Ry., 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 1st, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 2nd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 3rd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 4th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 5th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 6th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 7th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 8th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 9th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 10th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 11th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 12th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 13th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 14th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 15th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 16th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 17th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 18th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 19th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 20th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 21st, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 22nd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 23rd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 24th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 25th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 26th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 27th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 28th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 29th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 30th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 31st, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 32nd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 33rd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 34th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 35th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 36th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 37th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 38th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 39th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 40th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 41st, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 42nd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 43rd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 44th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 45th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 46th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 47th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 48th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 49th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 50th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 51st, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 52nd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 53rd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 54th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 55th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 56th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 57th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 58th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 59th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 60th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 61st, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 62nd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 63rd, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 64th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 65th, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Erie 66th,